(c) whether Government propose to implement the World Bank advice?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) to (c) World Bank had furnished a draft report on long range Planning for Indian Transport Sector in September, 1994 in which these suggestions have been made. The report deals with all modes of transport including Railways. The suggestions are not binding on the Railways.

Report of World Bank Team on Indian Railways

556. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a six member World Bank Team visited India recently and submitted a draft report on Indian Railways to the Railway Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of that report; and

(c) what is Government's reaction over that report?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The World Bank Team visited India in November, 1994. The team did not submit any report on Indian Railways during their visit. However, the World Bank had furnihsed in September, 1994 to Government of India a draft report on long range planning for Indian Transport Sector including Railways.

Procurement orders to wagon building units

557. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the procurement order released by the Railway Board to the wagon building units is very poor as against their installed capacity;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, what is the installed capacity of these units and what was the procurement order given to these units?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Wagon orders are placed based on the Railways requirement and not the installed capacity of wagon building units. The wagon requirement is need based and orders are placed consistent with the need.

(c) The licensed capacity of these units in terms of four wheelers is 35635 and the orders placed for 1994-95 are 10,800.

Non-availability of First Class and AC-II Tier Coaches in Ranikhet Express

558. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ranikhet Express running between Delhi and Kathgodam does not have any First Class or AC-II Tier Coaches;

(b) whether this causes much inconvenience to the commuters specially foreign tourists and other dignitaries;

(c) whether keeping in view various tourist places like Nainital, Kausani, etc. are situated in Kumaun region, Government would provide First Class/AC-II Tier coaches in the Ranikhet Express;

(d) whether Government would also consider to introduce a Shatabdi Express between Delhi and Kathgodam; and